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Dairy Queen Honored At Convention

Percentage increase 1979 - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs - Elba, Alabama.

Jacobs pointed out that this district includes many in very large cities with hundreds of thousands of people passing them daily. He expressed a great appreciation for the support from the local employees and for the strong support from the people of the Elba area.

The plaque reads "#1 Blitz Meat Volume and Top Ten

Applications Being Taken For Work With Job Corps

Alabama youths from low income families may be eligible for vocational training through the Job Corps program. William J. Davis, director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, said more than 1,200 openings are currently available.

Job Corps is a federally funded program providing basic education and vocational training for men and women aged 16 - 21 years. Participants are paid while they train and receive a readjustment allowance at the completion of the program.

Vocational training includes carpentry, bricklaying, cement

masonry, painting, plumbing, automotive trades, heavy equipment operation, health occupations, business and clerical skills, cooking, baking, welding, forestry, building maintenance, and retail sales. Pre-college education and training is also available.

Persons interested in applying for Job Corps may contact any local office of the State Employment Service. Those who meet eligibility criteria can expect to be placed in a Job Corps Center in two to four weeks.

Alabama youth may be referred to 15 out-of-state centers, usually in the southeastern United States. The

Voters To Decide Group Of Amendments Tuesday

The people of Alabama will vote on eight constitutional amendments next Tuesday when (and if) they bother to go to the polls. As has been widely reported in the news media, only three of the eight have any application to the people of this area. One other involves peanut farmers.

Number One, Two and Four apply to the entire state, while the others apply to individual counties, or special groups such as Number Five, which allows them to collect funds from themselves to pay themselves if they lose peanuts due to disease.

Number One lowers the rate of tax on apartments and other rental property. It is an amendment to the Lid Bill, and is praised as help for the "poor people," while at the same time is condemned as a ripoff for the rich property owners. If you believe the property tax on rental property should be the same as owner-occupied property, then vote YES. If you feel it should remain higher than the other, then vote NO.

No. Two allows each school district to impose an additional three-mil property tax, but only if the people of that district

approve the measure. A "yes" vote will authorize a later election in individual districts and is heralded as true "home rule." A "no" vote would force each school district to have another constitutional amendment and election. This amendment is the one which should win approval by the widest margin.

Number Three was withdrawn and is not on the ballot.

Number Four allows the members of the legislature to draw mileage while the legislature is in session at the same rate as state employees receive. They can increase their "expense allowance" without approval as has been done in the past; however, this method is the proper approach. A vote gives them the travel allowance and a NO vote leaves it the way it now is done.

No. Five is the peanut farmer bill and allows them to assess themselves on each ton of peanuts sold and receive payment for damaged peanuts. Even the peanut farmer can participate or ignore the program even if it is approved. There will be no cost to the general public nor to peanut farmers who choose to ignore the program.

Number Six allows an additional probate judge in Jefferson County. Number Seven reorganizes county offices in Lauderdale County; and Number Eight raises taxes in Demopolis, and only if the local voters approve it in a later election. The last amendment, Number Nine, changes procedures for local laws in Winston

County.

Six, Seven, Eight and Nine have absolutely no dealings with people of Coffee County, and will probably be ignored by most local voters.

Alabama

National Guard News

A new regulation from National Guard Bureau in Washington, D. C. requires that all persons who are assigned to the inactive Army National Guard be mustered at least once a year.

For Alabama Army Guard units, this period for muster for 1980 will be held between now and April 30, during a four-hour segment of a scheduled weekend assembly. Inactive members will receive a day's pay for the period of muster.

This period will be used to update the member's personnel, medical and clothing records. Military clothing in the possession of the individual will be inventoried and checked for serviceability.

Affected inactive Army Guard members will be notified by certified mail as to the date and time of Muster Day, uniform requirements, and other pertinent information.



City Schools Conduct Full Day In-Service

Three teams of Basic Competency consultants worked with the Elba City Schools on February 19, 1980, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The primary objective was to key the textbooks and materials used by the Elba City Schools to the State Basic Competency Skills.

Students in grades 3, 6 and 9 will be tested on these skills in April, 1980, on a state-wide testing program.

The Elba High School teachers continued with the year's work on Scope and Sequence for each department in grades 10-12.



Mobile Home Owners Warned Of Penalty For No Tax Or Tag

Are you one of the 1,500 mobile home owners in Coffee County who has failed to buy a license and pay taxes this year? If so, beware. Dayton Shirley is out to get you.

Shirley is the Coffee County license inspector and with the license deadline three months past, he is cracking down on delinquents.

Mobile home licenses were on sale during the regular vehicle registration period, Oct 1 to Nov. 15. Licenses cost \$3.75 plus the assessed tax at that time.

Now that the deadline has past, an additional \$1.50 late registration fee is charged.

Shirley said if the trailer owner waits until he is cited for failure to have a current license, he will pay an additional penalty charge ranging from \$3.45 up to \$50, depending on the length of time it takes him to respond to the citation.

Should the owner still fail to get a license after receiving a citation, he could find himself facing additional fines and court cost, Shirley said.

He noted that it is the responsibility of the mobile home owner, not the renter, to obtain a license.

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Jenny Ingram, Miss ESJC 1979, did a jazz dance and crowned Miss Hall.

Miss Hall will receive a full tuition scholarship at ESJC \$250 Educational Scholarship, and an expense paid trip to

purchase the tag. In the case of a person owning the land and the mobile home on the land, the owner might have the trailer assessed as part of his property, in which case tags are not required, Shirley said.

Further information may be

obtained by contacting the county tax assessor's office.

Shirley gives mobile home owners a final reminder. Once the tag is purchased, it must be prominently displayed on the mobile home or the owner is still subject to citation, he said.

Elba Girls Named As ESJC Calendar Girls

Margaret Alisa Hall, an eighteen-year-old green-eyed brown-haired beauty from Enterprise is the new 1980 Leap-Year Miss ESJC, and will represent Enterprise State Junior College in the Miss Alabama Pageant in Birmingham in June.

Miss Hall, a psychology major with plans to transfer to Auburn when she graduates from ESJC, was also the talent winner for her rendition of "Goliwogg's Cake Walk" by Debussy.

Teressa Lynn Patton, Enterprise, was chosen as first runner-up in the pageant held February 29 at the college. She also won the evening gown and the Swim Suit awards.

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Judges for the pageant were Miss Stephanie Stacey, Junior Miss from Wisconsin now enrolled at Troy State; Miss Jacqueline C. Smith, Student Affairs Division, Troy State; and Jerry Padgett, music instructor, L.B. Wallace State Junior College, Andalusia.

Farmer's Get Nut Profit

All of the 72,049 tons of 1979 crop additional farmers stock peanuts put into loan through GFA Peanut Association by peanut producers in the Georgia, Florida, Alabama area have been sold at a profit, states Charles F. Coker, Manager of GFA.

Coker stated that none of the 72,049 tons sold for less than \$425 per ton and the last tons sold for as high as \$457 per ton. The additional peanuts were sold by competitive bid from lot lists. The average price received per ton should be between \$430 and \$435. Coker estimates that farmers should receive a rebate of between \$90 and \$100 per ton on their additional Segregation 1 peanuts marketed through GFA. Earnings on the additional peanuts cannot be distributed until all loan peanuts handled by GFA are sold because of cross compliance between the various pools.

Tuesday Is Date For Ball Meeting

The final meeting of the Men's Softball League will be held on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 at the Elba Recreation Center. Entry fees and schedules will be discussed. All managers must be at this meeting!

The final meeting of the Women's Softball League will be held on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 at the Elba Recreation Center. Entry fees and schedules will be discussed. All managers must be present at this meeting!

Band Festival Slated At Zion Chapel

The first annual Coffee County Concert Band Festival is scheduled for March 8, 1980, at the Zion Chapel High School gym. Bands performing include Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Kinston. First performance is set for 10:15, with other bands performing at different intervals thereafter.

After the bands have performed, lunch will be served in the school cafeteria, and following lunch, a Jazz Clinic/Concert by the Montgomery Recreators, directed by Don Darby, will be held.

The bands will be rated by three judges: Roger Franklin, from Demopolis; Pete Fuller and Don Darby, from Montgomery.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.



Damascus Expands Water System

The Damascus Water Authority has big plans now that it has been awarded a \$214,000 grant and a \$252,000 loan for the upgrading and expansion of the system.

John W. Stephens, president of the authority, said plans include the erection of a 100,000-gallon upright water tower and sufficient pipe to connect 120 additional homes to the system.

Stephens noted the system will tie in with New Brockton and the Authority has signed a three-year contract with the city enabling it to use New Brockton water in case of emergency.

He explained that if the Damascus system should break down, a switch can be thrown and water from New Brockton will become available without interruption.

The present system was designed 12 years ago to serve

80 homes, Stephens said. It is now serving 148 homes with only a 3,000-gallon tank.

Shown studying plans for the upgrading and expansion of their water system are, from left to right: Robert E. Byrd, maintenance supervisor; David Trawick, director; Joe Sawyer, attorney for the Authority; John W. Stephens, president-director; and Robert L. Clark, secretary-director.

City Council Pays Bills, Adjourns

The Elba City Council met Tuesday night in a very brief session. The only two actions taken were approval to pay the monthly bills and a quick motion to adjourn.

Council members were told that discussion on insurance, fireman's pay and further discussion on installing sewage to a proposed subdivision would be discussed at the next regular meeting. Councilman John W. Sharpless was out of town Tuesday, and other councilmen had pressing commitments.

The backhoe purchased from Elba Tractor Company on low bid has been received and is working, according to information received by councilmen.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 7 p.m.

Mark Twain Program To Be Given At Elba High

See details on Page 3

POOR ORIGINAL

BRAINSTORMS

Tuesday, March 11, is voting day in Alabama. That is the day we select both our Democratic and Republican candidates for President of these United States. Alabama has, in the past, managed to select convention delegates without these Presidential Preference primaries, but the present trend is for everyone to hold these things for whatever they are worth. Probably more important is some of the amendments that are also to be considered next Tuesday. One has to do with the much abused "Lid Bill", and two others have statewide interest. Most are just local bills for counties far removed from Coffee County, and are on the ballot because of our outdated Constitution.

Talk of our Constitution being outdated can be questioned, however, when we look at the much debated dog track bill for Macon County. It is the constitutional requirement of statewide approval that caused the Attorney General to rule the recently passed local bill unconstitutional. Even taxes are not as emotional to the public as talk of dog tracks and gambling. We have no time set to go to the dog races, and have many times passed the tracks in Florida (on the way to the beach) when they were active. However, it doesn't bother us for the other folks to go if they enjoy such activity. . . . it keeps them out of our way at the beach, fishing, movies, etc! Before we get flooded with letters mad with yole editor for endorsing dog tracks, let it be clear we ain't endorsing them. . . . we just don't care as long as they don't get in our way.

While selecting delegates on the Democratic side next Tuesday, be sure to note we have several local folks as candidates. Representative Jimmy Holley and Mrs. Jimmy Holley are running as uncommitted delegates, reportedly to give freedom to cast their vote exactly as Alabama folks want at the time of the convention. Senator Wallace Miller is running committed to President Carter, which means he is bound to cast his first vote for Carter. However, in past conventions Miller has stuck with his pledge for other polling of delegates also. Neil Adkinson of New Brockton is also a candidate. He is pledged to Ted Kennedy on the first ballot.

Talk out of Washington last week and this week is that the Administration is going to cut spending immediately. They are also talking of a balanced budget, something we haven't had for several years. It is great for our government to cut spending down to income finally, but some experts say even that is being liberal. . . . we should cut spending below even and thereby reduce the national debt if we want to be conservative!

The runaway inflation has caused talk of credit control, price control, etc. We read all the pros and cons on both, and almost felt the ripple of fear when the talk of credit controls was mentioned in Washington. After reading of all the problems it could cause, and all the folks who would be upset over limiting ability to buy on credit, we doubt anything except continued high interest rates will be used to curb credit buying.

Ye ole editor would probably qualify for a national weather forecaster. We were asked last week our opinion on the possibility of any more cold weather this year. We admit to being wrong when we said it would probably be cool another time, but that the real cold weather was going for the season. Well, two or three days later we had the coldest weather of the year! Therefore, in the future we will confine our talk to what the weather has done, or is doing, and leave the predicting to those with more insight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox: I would like to request the co-operation of the citizens of Elba in helping to clean up our city during the month of March. The mayor has proclaimed the month of March as Clean-up month in Elba. If everyone

would just look around their own property and do some house cleaning the entire city would benefit. For those who own vacant lots and have allowed the weeds to accumulate I feel the city police department should enforce an ordinance which has

been in existence for years. The ordinance states that a property owner who has not cut the weeds or cleared away accumulations of trash to pay the city for doing this work. If other schools would like more information, please call me at school 897-2266 or 897-2267 or come by. I would be glad to talk to clubs or individuals about the olympics. Please help us go to the olympics! We need your support!

Thank you,
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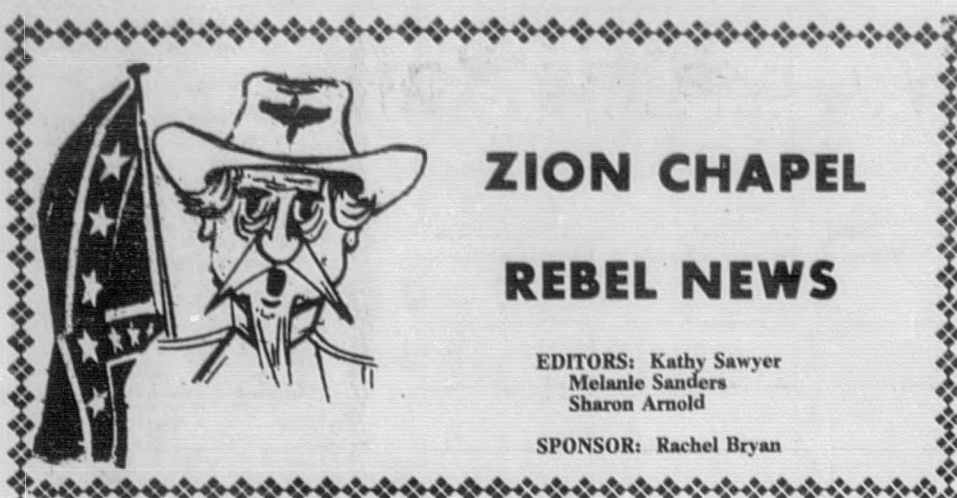
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Senior Players And Cheerleaders End Season

As of February 25, the senior basketball players and cheerleaders participated in their last game of the season. Each game was met with great enthusiasm and pride. Although every game was not victorious, the spirit, hard work, and pride that was

put into each game, made it a victory in the hearts of the team. Soon the seniors will be leaving Zion Chapel but they have plenty of memories to last a lifetime. The players will long remember practicing 2-3 hours a

day, sprints, hard work, and most of all team work. The cheerleaders have the memories of wet uniforms, making Rebel signs, leading the pep rallies, clinic at the beach, and cheering for the best team ever.

By Wanda Wambles



Fifth Grade Forms Theater

BY: SHERRY WHITE
Fifth-grade students at Zion Chapel Elementary School have formed a "little theater" group. Students write scripts, choose characters, produce and present.

The number of students involved in any one play is determined by the number of roles needed to fill the character roles, plus extra students who help with direction, props and costumes.

The plays are viewed by the class at classroom assembly time. Over the weeks all students will have participated in at least one play and probably several.

The student who writes the play chooses from the rest of the class the characters and helps to or she needs in the production of the play.

The students are not graded on these plays. Among these are student leadership, student cooperation, speech improvement, planning ability, responsibility, and poise.

Recent productions have included "Jesse Learned a Lesson," by Connie Flowers; "The Angel Gabriel," by Debra Galt; "The Coward," by Chris Sanders; "Moses in the Basket," by Fran Chirco; "Little House," by Sharon Pope; "Bad News at the Zoo," by Stella Tug; and "Death Ground," by y Reeves.

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LOOKS LIKE A GOOD DAY TO HUNT!

The short-eared owl hunts in cloudy days instead of at

Dickinson Speaks To Juniors & Seniors

Patsy Powell, senior sponsor, and Douglas Green, principal at Zion Chapel, set up a telephone call to Representative Bill Dickinson on February 21, 1980. The students of the junior and senior classes had the opportunity of asking questions on different current event issues.

Representative Dickinson was asked what his views were on the draft and drafting women, how far the government would go to get the hostages out of Iran, including military options, and what was being done militarily to get the Russians out of Afghanistan? He said that on the issue of drafting women, if at some point we needed to, he would support it but he sees no need to draft women and it would be unlikely that he would support it. He supports registering and drafting men. Dickinson states that we can rule out military options in Iran unless the hostages are killed. There is no where in Iran for one of our helicopters to land much less an invasion force. He hopes that the commission sent to Iran is bringing the hostages closer to being released. Mr. Dickinson also states that we are not going to war over the Russians being in Afghanistan. We are not doing militarily any politically. Our major concern is what other military activities the Russians will engage in that area.

Dedication Service Held

By Kim Leverett and Melinda Nelson
On February 26, 1980, a memorial dedication was held in the Zion Chapel gymnasium to dedicate a plaque and trophy case to the school in memory of Byron Foley. The ceremony was conducted by Carolyn King and other members of the Aircraft Logistics Maintenance Division of Fort Rucker, AL.

The plaque is a Byron J. Foley Memorial Sports Award. Every year an outstanding senior athlete will be chosen and his name will be engraved on the plaque.

The trophy case was placed in the high school hall and will contain the jerseys of Byron Foley and Randall Black, pictures of Chris Sanders and Corky Ward for being All-State recipients, last year's WJMM Team of the Week trophy and this year's Area 5, Region 3 Championship trophy.

We would like to express our thanks to all of those who helped financially and otherwise with the dedication. This case will always be a source of pride for Zion Chapel.

Seniors Receive MemoryAlbums

By Kathy Sawyer
"Will you sign my memory book?" How many times have you been asked this question within the previous two weeks? Probably more than two dozen times!

Since the senior class received their ordered memory albums on February 13, they have filled these books with memories.

These albums contain pictures of past happenings, special reminders of special times, classmates' and faculty's autographs, and many other things that they hold close to their hearts.

So when you're asked to sign a memory album, be sweet and give your John Hancock. You'll be a senior one day and you'll want to remember those special people that you went to school with.

By Kim Leverett
The Zion Chapel Rebels lost a squeaker in overtime to Arton 48-46. The Rebels trailed the whole game, but came back to tie the game at 44, after regulation play. Four cat throws in overtime made the difference.

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Mrs. Taylor's Kindergarten class presents Mother Goose

Inspiring New Actors

By Sharon Arnold
If by chance you happened to be strolling by Mrs. Taylor's Kindergarten class last Thursday you would have seen

some inspiring new actors. Does this sound strange? If so let me explain.

Our smaller Rebels tried their skill at acting by performing Goldie Locks and the Three Bears and a variety of Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes. Each individual was given an opportunity to show off their acting talent at centerstage during some point in the play.

Even though the performance only lasted ten to fifteen minutes, the observers' reward was tremendous.

Good Luck, and a great big Thank You for a job well done!

This time has come to say "Thank you" for everyone's patience and understanding during the production of the REBEL '80 yearbook. The final pages have reached the publisher. The members of the annual staff would like to say thanks to the teachers of Z. C. for allowing us to interrupt your classes, skip your classes and use your candid pictures in the yearbook. Many days of hard work and dedication was spent working on a book that we hope captures many memories for everyone. The staff has worked hard to help you remember, in years to come, the 1979-80 school year. The annual staff hopes that you find REBEL '80 a fantastic yearbook and enjoy it greatly.

It's not too late to reserve a REBEL '80. All it takes is a \$5 deposit.

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By: Ricky Mulaz

Sports Editor

The State Basketball Tournament is underway, and I'll be going up today (Thursday) to catch the final two rounds. I've been to the tournament four straight years, and really enjoy watching the top high school teams compete, and the top players show their stuff. The tournament is not for everyone, because a lot of people wouldn't enjoy watching 8 games in one day!

However, if you're a true basketball fan, make the trip to Tuscaloosa, and catch the action. I'll see you there!

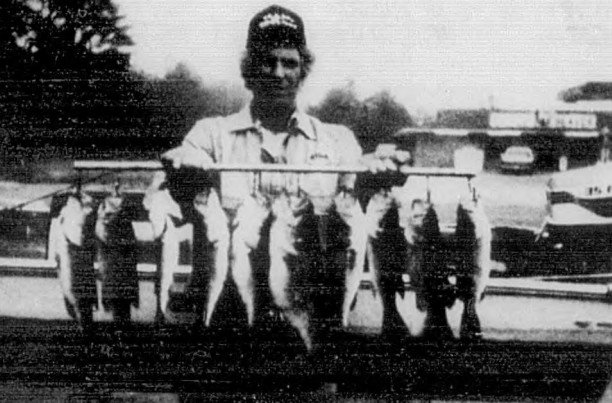
I talked with a school official from Brantley last week about the incident in which Jeff Rhodes was injured, and I'd like to make it clear it was not a cheap or deliberate act! No Brantley players were involved in the incident, and the school official felt some readers might get the wrong impression of what happened. Apparently, Rhodes grabbed the rim while trying to block a shot and lost his balance, causing him to fall.

By the way, Rhodes did start in all 3 of Kinston's tournament games last week and played very well. Rhodes showed courage in getting on the court with a mouthful of stitches, and is truly a competitor.

I saw a little of the Coffee Springs - Houston Academy basketball game last week, and was pleasantly surprised to see Coach Wayne Purvis keep his cool in spite of several close calls that went against his team. Coach Purvis has always been a fine coach, but has turned people against him because of his fiery actions. Now that he has calmed down, everyone will get to see just how good a coach he really is!

Coffee Springs had a team that started 8th, 9th and 10th graders, and the "Kiddie Corp" rolled up 17 wins. Look out - next year these boys will be men, and ready to win even more games than ever!

So long



Bill Walden caught these 10 bass at Merritt's Mill pond with plastic worms. Picture by The Elba Bait Box.



Steve Hataway and Craig Wood caught these bream on red Shop.

Coch Wood Pleased With

Opening Week Of Spring

Football Practice At Elba High

The Elba High Tigers completed their opening week of spring football practice last Friday, and Coach Mack Wood reported he was pleased with the opening week of work.

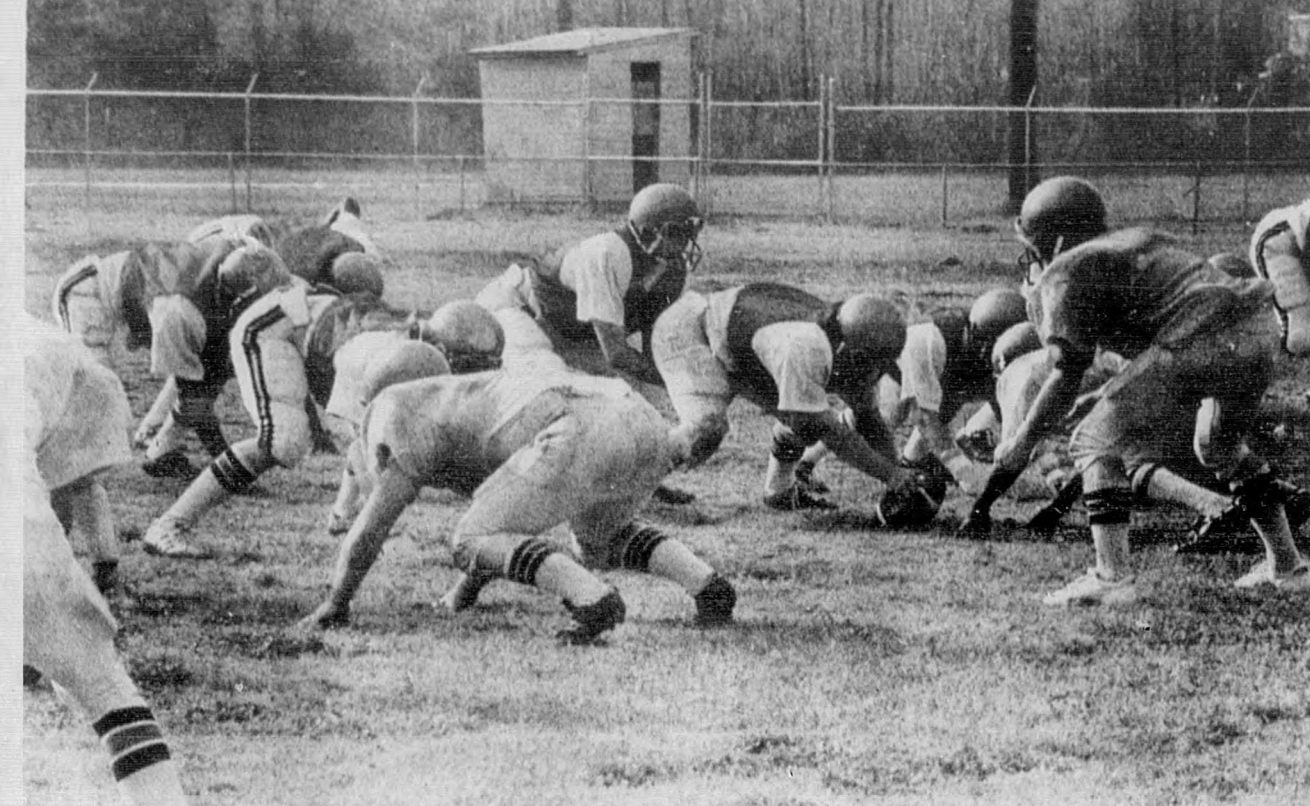
"We had a pretty good week of work," said Wood. "I wouldn't say it was a great week, but we didn't do as much as we had planned. We have 3 or 4 boys hurt, and it has affected us a little. Russell Kelley fractured his elbow during basketball season and is out for the spring, while Dale Stinson and Brett Scarbrough both got hurt at practice. Dale has an injured knee and Brett broke his hand."

"We scrimmaged on Friday," said Wood, "and while it was a little rough

around the edges, it went okay. The tackling was good and the blocking at the point of attack was fair. I guess we got a little bit out of the scrimmage."

"This week," continued Coach Wood, "we will add a little on defense and change some folks around. We're going to see how some people will do at different positions. We will work on fundamentals and add a few wrinkles. We plan each week and set goals, but it's always a day-by-day thing. We hope to work on our kicking game Thursday and scrimmage again Friday, but it all depends how much we get done."

In closing, Coach Wood stated, "So far our veteran players have had a good attitude and showed leadership, and our younger boys are beginning to come around. We're all hoping for more good weather so we can work hard."



Tigers' scrimmage during Friday work-out.

Elba Tigers Ousted In Opening Round Of Area Tourney

The 1979-80 Elba High basketball team was ousted in an abrupt end last Thursday night

when the Tigers fell to Andalusia 73-40, in the opening round of the Class 3A, Region 2,

Area 3 tournament.

The loss left Elba with a 6-15 record, while the win upped Andalusia's slate to 16-10. The Bulldogs rolled to the Area and Region crown, and will compete in the state tournament beginning tonight (Thursday).

Against the Tigers, Andalusia came out in a tight man-to-man defense and shut down the Elba attack to grab a 24-8 lead. Elba held the fast-paced Dogs to only 10 points in the second stanza, but couldn't catch-up and trailed 34-12 at the half. Andalusia put the game completely out of reach in the third period as their lead ballooned to 55-20, and both teams simply went through the motions in the final quarter. Andalusia claimed a 73-40 win.

Andy Hardwick and Glenn Johnson scored 14 and 12 points, respectively, to pace Elba, while Steve Posey hit 13 points to lead 10 Andalusia scorers.

Andy 24 10 21 18-73
Elba 8 4 8 20-40

Andy (73): McClelland 6, Posey 13, Burnett 7, Thomas 12, Taylor 11, Henderson 4, Smith 4, Helmick 4, Feagin 4, Marvin 8.

Elba (40): Johnson 12, T. Horstead 2, D. Horstead 2, Harrellson 4, Daniels 4, Hardwick 14.

"We remained undefeated in conference play with a 7-0 slate," added English, "and we are all very proud of that. I was disappointed in our play in tournaments, especially in the conference tournament, where we finished second to Kinston. In the county tournament we faced a powerful Enterprise Junior High team that made it all the way to the state tourney, and we lost by 15 points. This one of our poorest played games of the season, and Enterprise was definitely beatable on the night we met them."

"Our highlights of the season," stated English, "were the games against Dauphin and Elba. We beat Elba 83-50 in a close, hardfought battle, and lost to Dauphin 79-71. We played as good as we could in the loss to Dauphin, and hit 72% from the floor and 80% from the free-throw line. As for the loss to Enterprise, I think we'll have the best shot at the county title since I've been here. We'll have 4 starters back and 2 good athletes moving up from the B team. It should be a good season up here in the county."

Seattle Slew, a fine horse from the far west, joined an elite group when he won the Triple Crown of racing in 1977.

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Elba All-Stars Fall To Dothan 29-26

The Elba Boy's All-Stars competed in the District 8 basketball tournament on Saturday, February 23, and lost in the opening round to Dothan, 29-26, in overtime. Elba led 15-8 at the half, but couldn't hold the lead and saw Dothan tie the score at 21-21 at the end of regulation time. Dothan out-

scored Elba 8-5 in overtime to claim the win.

Scoring for Elba were Kimmie Daniels 12, Kevin Goosby 8, Art Brunson 3 and Mick Phillips 3.

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Kinston Bulldogs Claim Area Crown, Fall To Red Level In Region Finals 69-65

The Kinston Bulldogs successfully defended their Area 4 crown with wins over Wicksburg 84-64 and Coffee Springs 92-84, but saw their dreams of a second-straight state playoff berth dashed when they lost to Red Level, 69-65, in the Class A, Region 2, championship game.

Kinston finished their season with a 21-7 record, while Red Level advanced to the state tournament with a record of 22-5.

A sticky full-court press resulted in 21 steals in the second half as the Kinston Bulldogs rolled to an 84-64 win over the Wicksburg Panthers.

Kinston jumped into an early lead behind the shooting of Curtis Lane, only to see Wicksburg battle back and take the lead 17-16 at the end of the first quarter. The second stanza was hotly-contested with both teams playing well, but Kinston scored the final 4 points of the quarter to go on 34-30 at the half.

Kinston's press began to speed-up the tempo of the game in the second half and the Bulldogs began to take charge. Kinston upped their lead to 56-48 going into the fourth quarter, quickly upped their lead to 61-48, and breezed to the win as everybody got into the act!

Kinston 16 18 22 28-84
Wicksburg 17 13 18 16-64

Scoring for Kinston in the championship game: The Bulldogs put on an "offensive show" in the opening half as they turned the nets for 53-points, but found themselves only 2-points ahead as the youthful Golden Bears scored 50-points of their own. At halftime, Kinston held an amazing 33-30 advantage!

The two clubs came out in the second-half and didn't give the nets time to stop smoking before they again started pouring in the points. Kinston began to pull-away in the third-quarter and turned back a Golden Bear rally in the closing minutes of the game to claim the win.

Edwards and Sansom's 25-point performances led Kinston, while Jeff Rhodes added 20. Mike Moore scored a game-high 30-points to lead Springs, while Mark Threat added 20.

Kinston (92): Edwards 25, Lane 13, J. Rhodes 20, M. Rhodes 7, Sansom 25, Free 2, C. Springs (84): M. Threat 20, Landrum 18, Moore 30, Thornton 2, Williams 10, J. Threat 4.

RED LEVEL 69
KINSTON 85

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a furious fourth-quarter rally fall short as they dropped a 69-65 decision to the Red Level Tigers, in the region finals.

Kinston trailed 6-4 early in the game, but gained control midway thru the opening stanza and opened an 18-10 lead. The Bulldogs saw their lead cut to 23-21 in the second quarter, but Kinston managed to hold-on, and led 35-33 at the half.

Red Level tied the score at 35-35 early in the third quarter, and after Kinston regained the lead at 37-35, the Tigers broke-loose for 6-unanswered points to take the lead at 41-37. The Bulldogs regained the lead at 46-45 late in the stanza, only to see Red Level score five-straight points and grab a 50-46 advantage one quarter left to play. The Tigers began to pull-away early in the final stanza and opened a 57-46 bulge. Red Level's lead went to 65-55 late in the game, but Kinston refused to quit and rallied to pull within 65-63. Red Level added a pair of free-throws to pad their lead to 67-63, but Joe Edwards responded with a bucket to make the score 67-65. Kinston had a chance to tie the score, but missed two free-throws, and Red Level hit a bucket with 3-seconds left to tie the win.

Kinston was hurt by fouls in the game, as both Scott Sansom and Mike Rhodes fouled-out early in the fourth quarter. Kinston hit 9 of 23 free-throws in the game, including only 1 of 8 in the final quarter. Meanwhile, Red Level hit on 19 of 30, and won the game by hitting 11 of 15 in the fourth quarter.

R. Level 12 21 17 19-69
Kinston 18 17 11 19-65

Red Level (69): Terry 17, Jeter 16, C. Crittenden 11, T. Crittenden 8, King 8, Cooper 9.

Kinston (65): Edwards 23, J. Rhodes 22, Lane 4, M. Rhodes 8, Sansom 4, Free 4.

Kinston's Curtis Lane (15) and Mark Parker (11) trap a Red Level player.

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New Brockton Gamecocks Fall In Area Finals To Georgianna 42-34

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 5-0 early in the game and could never quite catch-up as they lost to the Georgianna Panthers 42-34, in the Class 2A, Region 2, Area 3, championship game.

The loss ended Brockton's season and left them with a final record of 19-11, while the win upped Georgianna's slate to 22-4. The Gamecocks, seeded second in the tourney, advanced to the finals with a wild 90-75 win over Goshen, in the semi-finals.

New Brockton jumped into an early 8-0 lead and was never challenged in posting a 90-75 win over the Goshen Eagles. Brockton game-out running and put the game out-of-reach in the opening stanza as they grabbed a 25-14 lead. By the end of the third period the Gamecocks lead had grown to 73-52, and Brockton's reserves came in to mop-up the easy win.

Robert Wilson scored 28-points, grabbed 6-rebounds and handed-out 8-assists to pace Brockton, while Ricky Nelson added 19-points. Frederick Thomas, the Gamecocks 6-7 center, helped with 18-points, 14-rebounds and 5 blocked-shots. Earl Williams scored 21-points to lead Goshen.

N. B. 25 25 22 18-90
Goshen 14 18 20 23-75

N. B. (90): Wilson 28, Nelson 19, Thomas 18, Burrows 13, Anderson 12.

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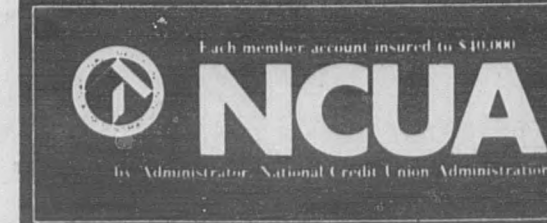
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The Elba Clipper 20¢

Tax Assessor Asks County Commission For \$27,834.34

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 10, at the courthouse in Elba, and heard Tax Assessor Mac McKinney ask for \$27,834.34 to cover additional salaries he had to pay due to the reappraisal program.

McKinney presented figures to the Commission that showed he had to pay \$12,141.19 in extra salaries from April 1978 to October 1978, and an additional \$15,693.15 in salaries from

October 1978 through September 1979. McKinney told the Commission he had spent \$27,834.34 out of his pocket, and asked if he could be repaid.

Documents presented at the meeting showed that the Attorney General was asked about whether or not it would be legal to pay McKinney, and the answer was "It will be necessary for the county commission to determine for itself that the additional cost and the salaries

in over a year, I have employed

a certified public accountant to

compute my additional expenses

down to the nickel, and the

figure is correct."

"I don't think a public

official should have to take

money out of his own pocket to

run his office," said Commis-

sioner Bennie Beckham, "but I

don't think the Commission

should have to cover the whole

bill. Each agency affected

should pay their share of the

bill."

The Commission discussed

the pay request at some lengths

and agreed some amount should

be paid, but felt a detailed study

should be made to make sure all

the money requested was in-

deed spent on reappraisal.

Monday's meeting began at

10:00 a.m. with all commission-

ers present, except Don Smith

and Jack Hornsby, both of

whom were ill. At the meeting

were Commissioners Gilmer

Grant, Rex Boutwell, Bennie

Beckham and Max J. Reeves,

along with Probate Judge James

L. Sawyer.

The meeting opened with

Judge Sawyer reading letters

from New Brockton Mayor

Frank Sawyer and the New

Brockton Rescue Squad, both of

whom thanked the Commission

for their recent \$5000 donation

to the Rescue Squad.

The Commission approved

two A-95 Reviews for federal

funding. They were \$475,404 to

help the Organized Community

Action Program (Headstart),

and \$191,512 for the Alabama

Migrant and Seasonal Farm

Workers Council.

County Engineer Leslie

Mullins requested the date of

his retirement be moved up to

May 20, and the Commission

accepted his resignation effective

on the date requested.

Mullins, who is 69 years old, has

worked with the county a total of

19 years, and has been County

Engineer for the past 3 years in

his latest stint with the county.

Probate Judge James Sawyer

praised Mullins for his many

years of service, while Commis-

sioner Beckham stated he

would accept the resignation

"with reluctance."

Mullins reminded the Commis-

sion that at the previous

meeting he reported plans were

being drawn up to repair a

bridge on the Airport Road in

Elba, and at Monday's meeting

he presented the paperwork that

must be sent to the state.

"The bridge is dangerous,"

warned Mullins, "and it will be

expensive to repair it. If the

money becomes available at the

state level, these plans will help

us get some funds. The plans

must be authorized by the State

before any work can be done,

and by getting them authorized

now, we'll have a better chance

of being funded."

The Commission approved

sending the plans to the State

with a check for \$900 so a

preliminary study can be made

as soon as possible.

The county engineer also

reported his department had

received a grant for \$45,000 in

off-systems money, and stated

the funds would resurface ap-

proximately two miles of roads.

The Commission discussed

which roads needed resurfacing,

at which time Mullins

stated, "Just put your finger on

a map of the county and it will

need it. We have over 135 miles

of roads that need work done on

them." After discussing the

conditions of various roads, it

was decided the money would

be used to resurface a two-mile

stretch on the Taylor Mill Road

(on County Road 54 from the

intersection of County Road 11

to Highway 141).

Two jail reports were

presented to the Commission, and

both were satisfactory except for

the inspection of the kitchen. An

inspection by the State Board of

Corrections listed the following

findings: Building - in good

condition, except dirty grills on

windows; Safety Features -

good, except stairs rated as

poor; and Food services - not

good. The condition of the

kitchen is poor, shelves poor,

screen poor, storage poor and

refrigeration poor. Standards of

sanitation are not adequate!

A general report on the jail

stated that heating and ventila-

tion is not adequate, and that

the jail does not meet "fumiga-

tion regulations" stated in Title

14, Chapter 6-6. Continuing

the report stated unnecessary

items are in the jail, such as

electrical appliances and exten-

sion cords. The kitchen, ac-

cording to the inspector, is

"too small for the jail and in

poor condition."

The report did note many

Garbage Problems Prevail In County School System

Shown above is a typical problem with the county schools. The garbage problem is a continuing headache for school officials. County Superintendent Johnny Vaughan said this week that apparently the school system was being forced into hauling its own

garbage and he was taking steps immediately to do so. The county commission has a truck for picking up bagged garbage for households, but apparently can't handle the school program. A private contractor program wasn't working, according to Vaughan, and the results was the above pile of trash.

Carter, Reagan Win Big In Local Voting

Coffee County voters joined with voters statewide in endorsing both President Carter and Ronald Reagan to represent their respective parties in the November elections. Reagan beat Bush 1568 to 307, or 6 to 1, while Carter beat Kennedy 1928 to 195, or almost 10 to 1. Governor Brown of California polled 112 votes, and all other candidates collected less than a hundred votes total.

Coffee County voters only

approved four of the eight amendments. Two, Five, Six and Eight won favor in Coffee County, while the much-advertised #1 tax reduction amendment failed locally as well as statewide. Also losing was the proposal to pay the legislators more expense money. This failed locally and statewide.

NUMBER 1
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Against 2307

NUMBER 2
For 2094
Against 1458

NUMBER 4
For 1023
Against 2613

NUMBER 5
For 2033
Against 1402

NUMBER 6
For 1577
Against 1441

NUMBER 7
For 1228
Against 1241

NUMBER 8
For 1465
Against 1008

NUMBER 9
For 1033
Against 1441



Direct Phones Open To Farm Agents

Wildon Bryan of the Pine Level Community is shown making the first telephone call to the County Agent's office in New Brockton. The special line, which includes extensions to the ASCS office, the Soil Conservation office, and the Farmer's Home Administration, became operational Monday. Individuals on the Elba telephone exchange can dial the number 897-2776 and talk with any of the agricultural offices at

New Brockton at no cost. The New Brockton offices will also be able to call anyone on the Elba exchange. The special line is being paid for this year by Drexel Cook of Cook Chevrolet, Jimmy Holley of the Elba

Tractor Company, and Lamar Rainer of the Peoples Bank in Elba. Looking on as Bryan makes the historic call are, left to right: Jimmy Holley, Bryan, Tom Casaday, Drexel Cook, and Lamar Rainer.

The results of this study will be utilized in the design and further development of the plans for the proposed Elba Western Connector Highway. The public's cooperation and indulgence during the time this study is underway is solicited.

The report did note many

improvements made at the jail, but also complained the jail population was over its capacity, and stated two prisoners were sleeping on tables, and one was forced to sleep in the drunk tank.

The only violation reported in a Health Department inspection was overhead sewage in the jail.

Mr. Charles Baker, the county resident who sold the

county land for the new sanitary landfill, was at the meeting

Monday and asked about the

method used to pay for the land.

The county made an \$18,000

down payment on the land and

originally agreed to pay off the

remaining \$40,877.20 in four

annual installments.

Baker discussed the advantages of receiving the total amount owed in a lump sum,

but later decided to check with an accountant before finalizing a payment plan.

If a resolution adopted by the Commission is acted on

favorably by the local legislative delegation, the next commissioners will receive a pay

increase. Commissioners now receive \$350 a month in salary and \$450 a month as an expense account, or a total of \$800 a month.

"I think \$350 a month is inadequate as a salary," declared Commissioner Bennie Beckham, "and I would like to see an increase in either the salary or expense account."

When I go to meetings and tell people what I make they think it's a joke. I think we should ask the county's legislative delegation to discuss the request, and if they feel we deserve a raise, introduce a bill to increase the salary of the next group of commissioners."

The resolution passed unanimously.

When the time came to pay bills, all went smoothly until a \$693.75 bill from a Birmingham law firm hit the table. The bill circulated around the table twice without being signed, and on its third trip, it did pick up the signatures of Bennie Beckham and Max J. Reeves.

However, when the meeting was adjourned, the bill was still on the table with only two signatures.

The bill, from the law firm of Cabaniss, Johnston, Gardner, Dumas and O'Neal, was for legal services in preparation of a sales tax resolution as requested by County Attorney Warren Rowe. The matter centers around a court order to build a jail in Enterprise, and a resolution adopted in November, 1979, which instructed Probate Judge James L. Sawyer, in his

meeting, the Commission.

County Engineer Leslie Mullins reported repair work would be done on a drainage ditch on Bellwood Road when time permitted.

Approved an additional 2-week vacation without pay for a county employee.

Received a notice from Alabama Power Company that the county would save \$828 per year on the light bill at the Farm Center due to the disconnecting of 6 light poles in the parking lot.

Authorized Commission Clerk Brunacee Winston and an assistant to attend a County Financial Management Workshop at Eufaula, on March 24-26.

Granted a salary increase for Joseph B. Adkinson; and

Received a letter from George Houtt concerning the Coffee County Civil Defense Program. In the letter, Mr. Houtt reported he had "discovered at least three facts about this program. Fact #1: The success or failure of a civil defense program depends solely on the County Commission. They are responsible for hiring a competent director and providing him the necessary funds.

Fact #2: For the past few years, Coffee County has had a so-called "part-time" director who has accomplished little or nothing in providing this county with an adequate civil defense program which has resulted in -

Fact #3: As of July 1, the Federal Government and State Government (which has been supplying 50% of the funds) will terminate support of our "Do nothing" program."

Houtt later urged the Commission to do several things, including appropriating monies to implement the program and hiring a competent civil defense director.

The meeting was adjourned, and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24, in Elba.



Tax Assessor, Mack McKinney ask Commission for \$27,834.34 to cover expenses.

capacity as Chairman of the Commission, to explore methods of financing the cost of the project, including Federal grants, and to report to the Commission at the next regular meeting in December, 1979.

Judge Sawyer authorized payment of the bill, but the controversy has apparently risen because some commissioners feel the action to employ the law firm was taken without their knowledge, and in conflict with the resolution. A bill must be approved by a majority of the Commission (4) to become legal, and if the above-mentioned bill fails to get the needed signatures, it could be charged back to Judge Sawyer and the commissioners who signed it.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the Commission

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